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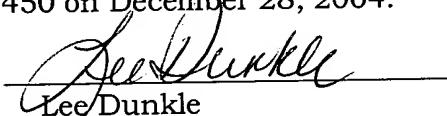
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2004, please consider the following amendment(s) and remarks in favor of allowance of the above-referenced application. The amendments to the claims commence on page 2 and conclude on page 8 of this communication, and accompanying remarks commence and conclude on page 9 of this communication.